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Volunteers train as river warriors

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

IN A NEARBY URBAN FOREST, more than 200 children, teenagers and adults were training for battle. They marched under the scorching sun. They learned taekwondo, karate and arnis.

They are the "river warriors" and their enemy is the prevailing filth that has killed the Pasig River.

VOLUNTEERS A11

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Balanced News, Fearless Views

RIVER WARRIORS Community volunteers became full-fledged river warriors after undergoing a three-day training organized by Kapit Bisig Para sa Ilog Pasig at the La Mesa Ecopark in Fairview, Quezon City. They were taught law enforcement, leadership, discipline, personality development and self defense in committing themselves to work for the rehabilitation of the Pasig River and its waterways.

Joker: Cut debates, fast-track canvass

'Congress not board of inquiry'

By Christine O. Avendaño and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE COUNTING OF VOTES for president and vice president by Congress should be fast-tracked by doing away with long debates on the canvassing process and on allegations of electronic fraud, Sen. Joker Arroyo said yesterday.

"The people already know who the winners of the May 10 presidential and vice presidential polls are. What is lacking is the blessings of Congress and what is blocking Congress from giving its blessings is this problem (of long debates)," he said.

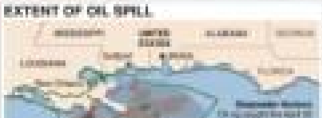
Arroyo underscored the need for Congress to do its duty of proclaiming the president and vice president before June 30, the last day of President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang.

He said further delays in the proclamation of the winners could lead to

JOKER A11



EXTENT OF OIL SPILL



BIRD BATH A brown pelican is cleaned at Fort Jackson Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Buras, Louisiana, after the bird was rescued from an oil spill—the worst in US history—in the Gulf of Mexico caused by the explosion of British Petroleum's Deepwater Horizon oil platform more than three weeks ago (See map at left).

'Top kill' can't plug worst US oil spill

ROBERT, LOUISIANA—THE most ambitious bid yet to stop the worst oil spill in US history ended in failure on Saturday after oil giant BP was unable to overwhelm the gusher of crude with heavy fluids and junk.

US President Barack Obama called the setback "as enraging as it is heartbreaking."

The oil giant immediately began readying its next attempted fix, using robot submarines to cut the pipe that's gushing the oil into the Gulf of Mexico and cap it with funnel-like device, but the only guaranteed solution remains more than two months away.

The company determined the "top kill" had failed after it spent three days pumping heavy drilling mud into the crippled well 1,520 meters (5,000 feet) underwater.

It's the latest in a series of

TOP KILL A11

Probe PCOS memory cards, group asks Comelec

By Jerome Aning

A CAUSE-ORIENTED GROUP THAT monitored the May 10 automated polls called on the Commission on Elections (Comelec) yesterday to conduct a separate investigation of the compact flash or memory cards used by the precinct count optical scan (PCOS) machines.

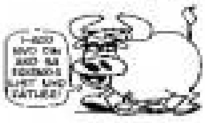
The Center for Political Empowerment in Governance (Cenpeg), which launched the Automated Elections Systems Watch during the polls, said the probe should explain why there were still discrepancies in the tallies transmitted by the PCOS machines even after the compact flash (CF) cards were replaced.

Cenpeg said the old CF cards might have been used in the May 10 polls, since the order to replace them came less than a week before the elections and there was little time to change all CF cards.

A nationwide test of the CF cards conducted on May 3 resulted in erroneous readings, leading the Comelec to replace the cards in some 76,000 PCOS machines, many of which had been delivered to the polling centers.

Pablo Manalastas, a professor at the University of the Philippines and Ate-

PROBE A11



Pastors urged: Keep sermon short, 'tweet'

By Alex Pal
Inquirer Visayas

DUMAGUETE CITY—KEEP THE SERMON short and "tweet" or maybe post a copy on Facebook.

The head of an international church has challenged the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) to utilize modern technology in order to reach out

PASTORS A11

Noynoy dreads 'isolated' life in Malacañang

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESUMPTIVE PRESIDENT-ELECT Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III yesterday said he risked being isolated from the people if he lived in Malacañang but that he was willing to talk with his neighbors on Times Street regarding his preference to stay in the family home in the quiet Quezon City subdivision.

Aquino indicated that he would take a second look at his campaign promise not to live in the presidential palace like his mother, the late President Corazon Aquino.

"I will hopefully talk to the officers

NOYNOY A11

Old faces in next Cabinet bode ill for Noynoy

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

TIMES STREET, QUEZON CITY, IS UNder siege by a horde of job seekers for positions in the incoming administration of Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III. It is also swamped by gratuitous advice on how to run his government, including the trivia that he should quit smoking.

As Aquino awaits his proclamation by Congress, hints of the profile of his new Cabinet are slowly emerging.

So far, the only thing Aquino has confirmed is that he is considering Dinky Soliman for the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Ging Deles as presidential adviser on the peace process, and former Representative and Liberal Party leader Florencio "Butch" Abad to head the Department of Education.

OLD FACES A11

Palace dares Aquino to sustain economic growth

By Christian V. Esguerra
in Manila
and Alex Pal
Inquirer Visayas

THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION WILL have no one to blame but itself should the country's economic growth sputter after growing 7.3 percent during the first quarter of the year, Malacañang yesterday said.

"The wind is at their back. The Arroyo administration has given them momentum. They shouldn't waste this," said Gary Olivar, President Macapagal-Arroyo's deputy spokesperson.

Olivar said that if the economic growth slowed down—despite the momentum given to the next administration—it would be held accountable.

At the weekly Malacañang media forum on Radyo ng Bayan, he challenged presumptive president-elect Benigno Aquino III to focus on sustaining the growth the Palace credited to Ms Arroyo's economic policies.

Aquino, along with other lawmakers and militant groups, downplayed the economic growth, saying it was but the result of the huge spending during the election campaign.

"If Senator Aquino thinks our economic growth only came from campaign spending, all I can say is this,

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New appointment at Pagcor defended

By Christian V. Esguerra and Christina O. Avendaño

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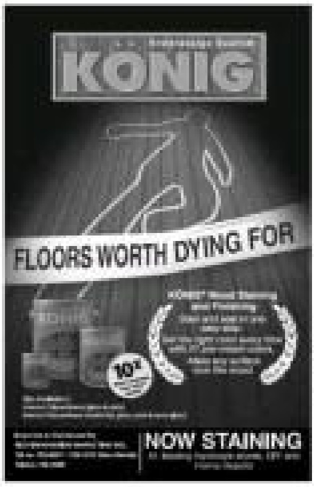
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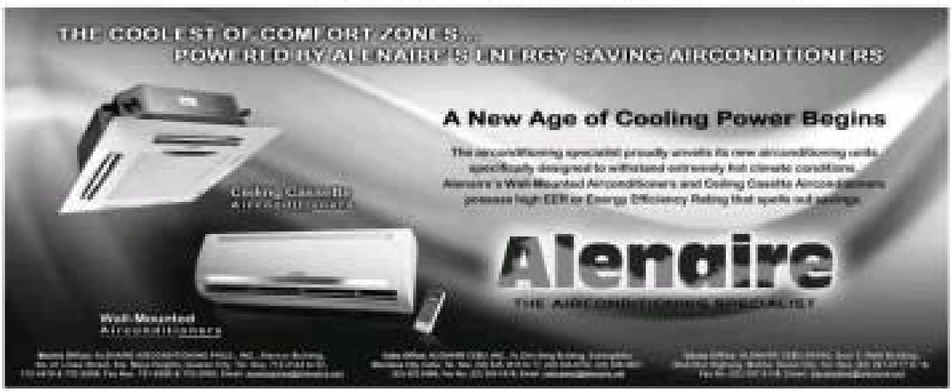


Void Mitra victory, SC urged

By Dona Pazzibugan







Hot days returning, says Pagasa

AFTER A FEW DAYS' RESPITE, THE hot days will be back, weathermen said yesterday.

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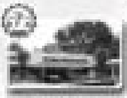
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No child warriors in NPA, say Reds

THE NEW PEOPLE'S Army (NPA) does not recruit child warriors or brutalize children caught up in its struggle with government forces, a leader of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) on self-exile in the Netherlands said yesterday.

The CPP was reacting to a United Nations report that included the NPA among armed groups around the world "that subject children to brutal violence, such as killings, maiming, rape and other forms of sexual assault." Two other groups were the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which has signed a ... and the Abu Sayyaf.

CPP official Fidel Agcaoili said the NPA "strictly abides by the policy of the CPP against the recruitment or enlistment of children below 18."

The NPA also protects children from physical and mental abuse as provided for under the Comprehensive Agreement on Respect for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, one of the documents guiding peace negotiations with the government, he added.

The 52-page report (http://www.un.org/...) was prepared by Radhika Coomaraswamy, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon's special representative for children in armed conflict. The UN Security Council will hold a debate on the matter this month. *Jerome Aning*

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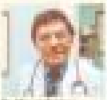






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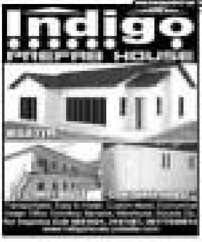
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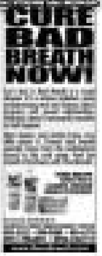
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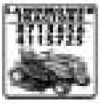
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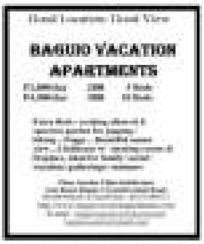








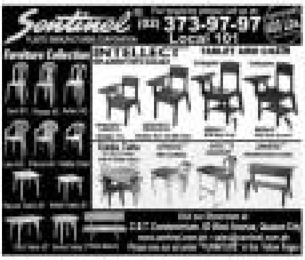










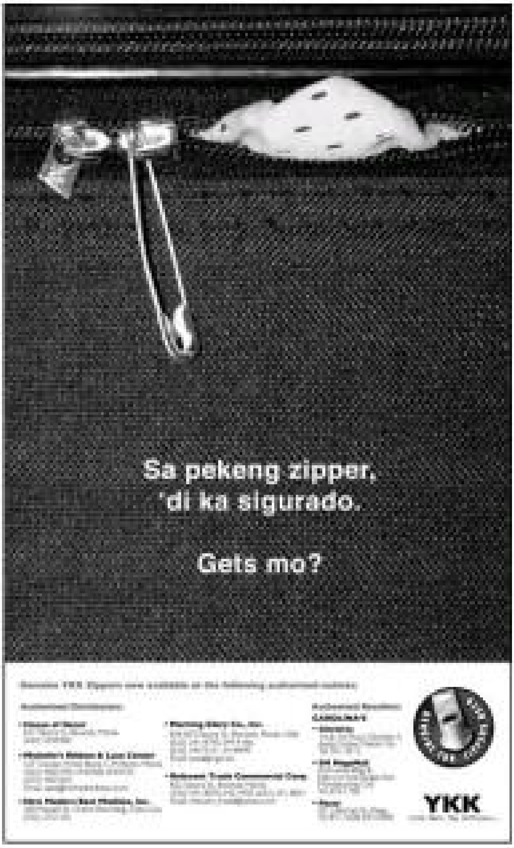














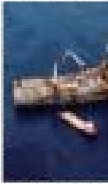






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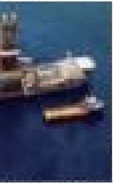


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> Democratic elections mean more than just a popular vote. They also clear the ground anew for a national make-over, nurturing collective hope and national purpose

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Manuel L. Quezon III



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Lawyers, cops tapped for Lanao polls

By Jeoffrey Maitem

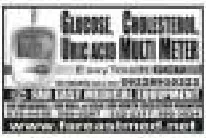
WITH THE PUBLIC school teachers hesitating to act as Board of Election Inspectors (BEIs), the Commission on Elections (Comelec) has tapped its own lawyers and trainees of the Philippine National Police (PNP) to serve in the special elections in Lanao del Sur scheduled on Thursday.

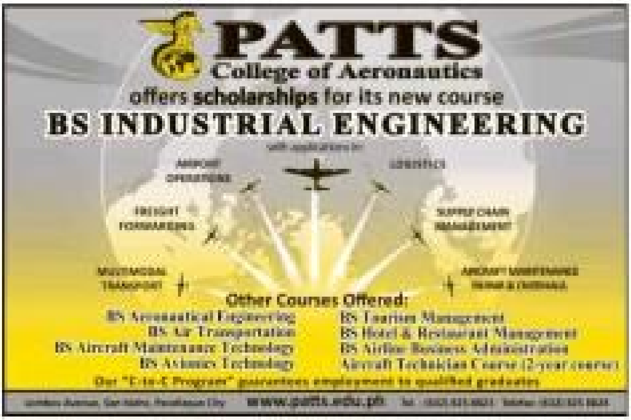


A SOLDIER secures ballots for Lanao del Sur

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ROSARY and CONSECRATION CRUSADE

in honor of Mary Mediatrix of All Grace





This Prayer Crusade was launched on May 31, 2009 by the Confraternity of Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace. Within seven months, more than 2 Million Rosary pledges were received from all over the country. One of our intentions was to pray for the ecclesiastical authority tasked with the determination of the authenticity of the apparitions of Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace at the Carmel of Lipa.

Our prayers have been answered in a very substantial way by the recent Decree dated November 12, 2009 of the Archbishop of Lipa, the Most Rev. Ramon C. Arguelles. He reversed the 1951 Decree of the Most Rev. Rufino Santos which suppressed the Lipa apparitions for an entire generation of Filipinos. Archbishop Arguelles lifted "all bans written or unwritten intended to curtail or diminish devotion to Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace". This Decree of the Archbishop of Lipa freely allows for the public veneration of the image of Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace at the Carmel of Lipa and thus the complete de-facto rehabilitation of the Lipa apparitions is now in formal order.

The affirmative response to our prayers given after an interval of less than six months is heartening and encourages us to continue and persevere in praying for all our intentions.

During this Rosary Crusade let us continue to pray:

1. For the Holy Father and all the bishops and clergy of the world.

Midway through the Year of the Priests, declared by Pope Benedict XVI, the clerical sex scandal which included the sexual abuse of minors was widely reported in the media. In country after country, the Catholic clergy in Ireland, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, Canada and the United States have been the subject of sexual abuse cases that are now out in the open.

Undeniably, the Church since Vatican II has been and continues on a downward spiral, accelerating to auto-demolition with seemingly nothing to stop the ecclesial meltdown. Many ordinary Catholics are shocked, confused, cynical and fearful of the consequences of this clerical sex crisis in the Church. This crisis can only lead to a general loss of respect and confidence for the clerical state in the Church and to the erosion of the Church's authority and influence in society at large.

Let us pray for the spiritual renewal and the sanctification of all the clergy and the religious and in particular for our bishops and parish priests, that they may be fortified in leading and guiding the Catholic faithful to a life of holiness amidst an increasingly secularized environment.

2. For the sanctification of the family.

The family is the basic unit of society, destroy it and society will eventually crumble. In the face of so many attacks against the family, especially with continuous attempts to pass the dangerous and evil Reproductive Health Bill, let us turn to the Mediatrix of All Grace to mediate with Jesus, the Author of all graces for the Filipino family so it will be preserved from the evils of massive contraception and abortion, as well as from widespread drug and substance abuse and easily available pornography that have led to a general loss of morality. These evils have destabilized and continue to harm family life. Let us pray for Filipino families everywhere keeping in mind the words of Sister Lucia, the seer of Fatima that:

> *"There is no problem, however difficult it might be, whether temporal or spiritual, personal or familial, national or international that cannot be solved by the prayer of the rosary."*
>
> **(Sister Lucia of the Immaculate Heart, O.C.D.)**

3. For "True Devotion to Mary" as taught by St. Louis de Montfort to flourish in our country and in the world.

In one of the apparitions to Teresita Castillo, the Blessed Mother asked the nuns to consecrate themselves to her according to the spirit of St. Louis Grignon de Montfort. Montfortian Consecration, the Holy Slavery to Jesus through Mary is the key to the authentic renewal of the clergy and the laity. Let us pray that the Catholic clergy of the world will take to heart the "Totus Tuus" of St. Louis for the sake of the sanctification of their priestly life and apostolate. Mary is our pathway to her Son, leading us quickly and securely to Jesus Christ, the Eternal Wisdom incarnate who is the source of true and lasting spiritual and moral regeneration.

4. For the definitive approval by ecclesiastical authorities of the apparitions of the Mediatrix of All Grace at Lipa Carmel leading to the rightful recognition of Mary's maternal mediation and paving the way for the dogmatization of the doctrine of Mary as universal Mediatrix.

In the apparition to Teresita Castillo at the Carmel of Lipa, the Blessed Virgin Mary identified herself saying, "I am Mary, Mediatrix of All Grace". The genuineness of these apparitions was validated by miraculous cures and the extraordinary showers of rose petals witnessed not only by the Carmelite nuns but also by the Most Rev. Alfredo Verzosa, then Bishop of Lipa, as well as by multitudes of people.

Unknown to the Carmelites at Lipa, the Mediatrix had earlier appeared to a Carmelite Prioress in Europe. Through the publication of Rev. Fr. Dr. Manfred Hauke, Mediatrix of Grace (2004), we learn of the spiritual impetus given by Mother Magdalen of Jesus, O.C.D of the Carmel of Argenteuil, to the worldwide movement initiated by Cardinal Joseph-Desire Mercier, Archbishop of Malines in Belgium, for a dogmatic definition of Mary's universal mediation of grace." The combined prayers and apostolate of Mother Magdalen and Cardinal Mercier bore fruit when in 1921 Pope Benedict XV designated May 31 as the liturgical feast of Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces. The inclusion of this Marian feast in the liturgical calendar of the Church is a major milestone in the road towards the dogmatic definition.

We perceive several parallels between Cardinal Mercier's movement for the dogmatization of Mary's mediation in Europe and the revival of devotion to Mary Mediatrix centering around her shrine at Lipa, Batangas.

The Marian initiative in Belgium and the ignition of popular devotion to the Mediatrix both originated in the bosom of the contemplative Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The direction of both Belgium and Batangas is towards the definition of a new Marian dogma. The Belgian Carmelite Prioress is told of Heaven's design to have the universal mediation of Mary raised to the highest possible doctrinal level while the Filipina Carmelite novice is given the new Marian title suggestive of the actual words to be employed in defining the new Marian dogma.

Cardinal Mercier initiates a prayer movement to obtain from Heaven the dogmatic definition of Mary's universal mediation through the canonization of the great Marian apostle, Blessed Louis Grignon de Montfort. De Montfort was raised to the honors of the altar in 1947. In 1948 Mary comes to Lipa and identifies herself as the Mediatrix of All Grace and singles out St. Louis de Montfort and specifies consecration to her through Holy Slavery, the crystallization of the teaching of the then newly canonized saint – **"I wish you all to consecrate yourselves to me on October 7 and be my slaves."** (the Mediatrix to Sister Teresita Castillo, September 25, 1948).

The parallels are so manifest that the revival of devotion to the Mediatrix in our time naturally aligns itself with the Belgian movement to dogmatize the universal mediation of Mary.

In the divine design, Heaven has chosen and honored our country to be the place from whence this glorious title, by which her universal mediation is acknowledged, will be brought to the whole world. Such is the spiritual grandeur of Lipa and the greatness of the ecclesial mission entrusted to the Filipino people upon whom it is now incumbent to tell the whole Catholic world of Mary's maternal and universal mediation.

As the liturgical feast of Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces was achieved by the prayer movement initiated by Cardinal Mercier so will we pave the road towards the dogma of the Mediatrix with our prayers of the Rosary together with our Montfortian Consecration to comply with the request of Mary Mediatrix at Lipa.

A Marian Dogma is a rare event in the life of the Church, thus our participation in this Rosary and Consecration Crusade is an opportunity of a lifetime of a Catholic. By faithfully keeping our promise to pray the rosary and the consecration prayer, we hope to add to her crown this title of Mediatrix of All Grace raised to a dogma which will be another gem as it were on the virginal and queenly forehead of our Mother.

Consecration Prayer

By St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

I, ____________, a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in Thy hands the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before. In the presence of all the heavenly court I choose thee this day for my Mother and my Queen. I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God in time and in eternity.

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In honor of Mary, I promise to pray __________ rosary mysteries and to recite the Consecration Prayer every (day) (week) (month) until December 8, 2011. Together with other devotees of the Blessed Mother, I humbly request your Holiness to raise the doctrine of the universal mediation of Mary to a Dogma of the Faith. I look forward to the day when the whole Catholic Church will formally recognize Mary as the Mediatrix of All Grace in the same way that she is venerated as the Immaculate Conception and as our Queen assumed into heaven. With a joyful heart, I embrace this opportunity of a lifetime and I feel privileged as a Catholic from the Philippines, the land chosen by God for her epiphany as the Mediatrix of All Grace, to render her the tribute of my prayers.

I beg you dear Holy Father, to hasten the hour and the day when Mary will be glorified as the universal Mediatrix so we will then receive abundant blessing, grace overflowing and efficacious help from Heaven for the spiritual renewal of the Church and of the world. I will remember your Holiness in this Rosary Crusade and will pray for your intentions.

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By Tarra Quismundo

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Pastors urged: Keep sermon short

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Noynoy dreads 'isolated' life in Malacañang



JOURNALISTS wait outside the Aquino family residence on Times Street, Quezon City, for dignitaries visiting the presumptive president-elect Benigno Aquino III.

'Negative vibes'

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Old faces in next Cabinet bode ill for Noynoy

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ECONOMY UP With Makati City's skyscrapers in the background, a construction worker is seen

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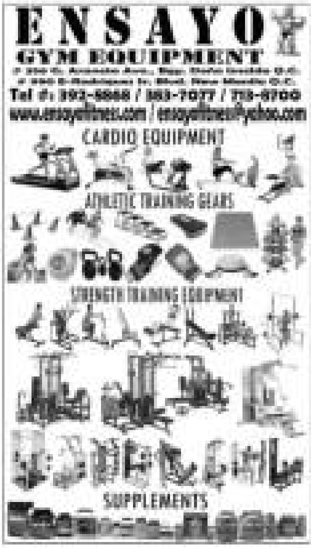
By Musong R. Castillo

COCA-COLA LITERALLY RANG THE BELL with its new import.

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COCA-Cola's Rel Tealera goes for a shot off Barako Coffee's Mark Isip and Arin Dimaunahan.









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COPS TO DISMANTLE ILLEGAL TRANSPORT TERMINALS, FOOD STALLS NEAR SCHOOLS

QC road clearing drive set today

By Marlon Ramos

STARTING TODAY, THE QUEZON City Police District (QCPD) will begin dismantling illegal public transport terminals and food stalls near the schools all over the city ahead of the opening of classes on June 15.

Chief Supt. Benjardi Mantele, QCPD director, said his office had already coordinated with the city government's Department of Public Order and Safety and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority regarding their road clearing operations.

Vendors and hawkers

Aside from illegal structures, he said the two-week operations would also target unlicensed vendors and hawkers who had set up makeshift stores near the schools.

"Besides causing traffic congestion, these temporary structures have become havens of petty criminals," Mantele said during the weekly forum "Talakayan sa Isyung Pulis" at Camp Crame on Friday.

According to the QCPD chief, some public transport terminals had turned out to be venues for drug pushers to sell illegal drugs, victimizing mostly high school students.

Health hazards

Mantele said illegal food stalls, on the other hand, expose schoolchildren to various "health hazards" as he cited past incidents of children falling ill after eating "contaminated food" from street vendors.

"Removing illegal structures would also help us prevent flooding outside the school premises," he said separately in an interview.

He said the QCPD has been conducting dialogues with village officials, transport groups, vendors' associations and other concerned sectors to avoid violence that may arise from the road clearing drive.

At least 2,500 policemen would be fielded to secure some 500,000 students who would be trooping to public and private schools in Quezon City on June 15, Mantele said.

Foot patrols

He said more policemen would conduct foot patrols in the thickly populated areas in Commonwealth, Fairview, Batasan, Tatalon, Project 4 and Tandang Sora.

"A few days before the classes start, we will have intensified police operations by roving patrols and street presence in known lairs of petty criminals," he said.

He said the QCPD will set up police assistance desks in major schools and in clusters of educational institutions around the city.



Cops seize P3-M cocaine from cops in buy-bust deal

By Miko Morelos



Preventive suspension vs cops in Edsa 'shootout' revoked

Fire razes 20 Tondo houses

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AGRILINK 2010 TO FOCUS ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES AND SMALL RUMINANTS

The WORLD

Editor: [illegible]

S. Korea, Japan fail to persuade China to censure N. Korea

SEOGWIPO, SOUTH KOREA—China resisted pressure on Sunday from South Korea and Japan to censure North Korea publicly for the sinking of a warship, calling only for regional tensions over the incident to be defused.

Host President Lee Myung-Bak and Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama [illegible] China's Premier Wen Jiabao [illegible] of the South Korean corvette.

But Wen gave no sign China was ready to back the United Nations Security Council action against its ally over the sinking, which cost 46 lives.

"The urgent task now is to defuse the impact of the Cheonan incident, [illegible]," Wen told a joint press conference.

"China will actively communicate with relevant parties and lead the situation to help promote peace and stability in the region, [illegible]."

[illegible]

The North denies involvement and has responded to the reprisals with threats of war, fuelling regional tensions.

[illegible]

"Some say there is political instability in the region due to the Cheonan incident," President Lee told the summit on Sunday, according to his senior spokesperson Lee Dong-Kwan.

"We are not afraid of war, but we do not want war either. [illegible]"

[illegible]

Lee told the press conference [illegible] "wise cooperation" from neighboring countries in handling the disaster.

Hatoyama, whose government on Friday announced new sanctions against the North, said the three leaders agreed "that this is a serious issue related to peace and stability in northeast Asia." [illegible]



A STUDENT acting as North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il holds a mock torpedo at a rally in Seoul on May 28. AFP

[illegible]

The North says the South's government faked evidence to [illegible] this month.

South Korea, the United States and Japan need the support of veto-wielding member China to sanction—or, at least, to censure—the North at the Security Council.

The South's reprisals include preparations to resume cross-border loudspeaker propaganda broadcasts.

The North has threatened to shell the loudspeakers now being installed along the frontier if the broadcasts go ahead.

[illegible]

The South plans to send a letter to the chair of the UN Security Council this week, [illegible] news agency. AFP

New British gov't rocked by minister's resignation

LONDON—A SENIOR MINISTER in Britain's new coalition government resigned after admitting that he claimed tens of thousands of pounds in taxpayers' money to pay rent to his long-term partner.

David Laws said on Saturday he would step down immediately as chief Treasury secretary, a role he had occupied for less than a month. He will be replaced by fellow Liberal Democrat Danny Alexander.



LAWS AFP

It was the first major setback to Prime Minister David Cameron's coalition government, which had promised to crack down on politicians' abuse of expense claims. [illegible]

Laws—whose job was to implement the new government's deficit reduction plan—apologized and said he would immediately pay back the money, which the Daily Telegraph newspaper said totaled 40,000 pounds [illegible].

The newspaper reported that Laws claimed up to 950 pounds a month in taxpayer money between 2004 and 2007 to rent a room in two properties owned by his partner, James Lundie.

[illegible]

Laws said on Saturday he would not carry on in his role after the "distressing" revelations.

"I do not see how I can carry out my crucial work on the budget and spending review while I have to deal with the private and public implications of recent revelations," Laws said as he read out a statement at the Treasury.

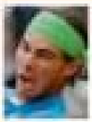
"While my recent problems were caused by my desire to keep my sexuality secret, I cannot now escape the conclusion that what I have done was in some way wrong, even though I did not gain any financial benefit," he said.

Cameron praised Laws as a "good and honorable man" and said he had made a real difference in his short time at the Treasury.

Laws, a relatively unknown Liberal Democrat just weeks ago, was catapulted into the limelight when he emerged as one of the key players in negotiating the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition deal. AFP

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Editor Teddyvic S. Melendres
Assistant Editor Francis T.J. Ochoa



Lakers boot out Suns, forge duel vs Celtics/A32

Buzzer-beater dooms Smart Gilas 5

By June Navarro

DOHA—ALREADY OUT OF THE MEDAL race, the Smart Gilas Pilipinas five missed its modest target of fifth place in the 21st Fiba Asia Champions Cup after Al Jaish of Syria escaped with an 83-81 buzzer-beating win Yesterday night at the Al-Gharafa Sports Club.

Mohammed Cherif Gheib's running jumper at the buzzer secured the victory for Al Jaish and dashed the RP squad's hope to duplicate its fifth-place finish last year in Jakarta.

Smart Gilas now tries to salvage seventh place against Saudi Arabia's Alhilal Mobily today.

Win or lose, it will be the national team's worst finish in a tournament since the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas launched two years ago its program geared toward the 2012 London Olympics.

Rabeh Abdalou drove to the basket a little bit early and missed the shot, paving the way for the decisive basket set up by Eunoch Thomas, who grabbed the rebound

BUZZER-BEATER/A30





So wins by default over Antonio, grabs share of chess lead

Buzzer-beater dooms RP five to worst finish



Dolphins, Tigers whip Baseball-RP Series 6 foes

Samsung Interscholastic golf gets going June 9

Smart Gilas a letdown in Fiba Asia

CLEAN LIVING



World Slasher Hawaiian invitational kicks off today

SPORTSWATCH

Three-way tie in Coke Hoopla



Freedom Run at CDO

Rafa marches on; Sharapova falls



Asuncion-Velez bags mixed doubles gold



Summer clinics still a big hit



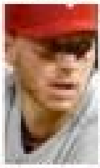
RP 'World Cup' kicks up football frenzy

SPORTS

Lakers oust Suns, battle Celtics next



Klitschko retains crown via knockout



HALLADAY AP

Phillies' Halladay pitches perfect game

The V-League is Tigresses' hunting grounds

ONE GAME AT A TIME



Young Texters collect 3rd Batang PBA crown





BUSINESS



Neda backs new tax measures

Indicators

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

46.19



STOCK MARKET

96.10



Stock Market

Cautious trading seen

Pushes hike in 'sin' taxes, VAT rate

THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUthority has backed proposals for the imposition of new tax measures, saying the government needed to put its fiscal house in order to be able to sustain the high growth rate of the economy.

Dennis Arroyo, director for policy and planning at the Neda, said the government needed to shore up revenue collection to be able to trim the deficit without substantially reducing expenditures, especially for vital programs and projects.

The tax measures being proposed by the Department of Finance, which the Neda is supporting, include the increase in excise tax on cigarettes and alcohol and the adjustment in the value-added tax to 15 percent from 12 percent.

The DOF is likewise pushing for the lifting of tax- and duty-free privileges enjoyed by some industries and the implementation of a simplified net income tax system (Snits), under which self-employed individuals and corporate taxpayers may use a uniform rate of allowable deductions from their taxable income.

"We are supporting proposals for new tax measures. The government needs additional revenues to address its fiscal concerns," Arroyo said.

Arroyo said the government has started losing potential revenues due to the implementation of laws that granted tax relief. These included those on the Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT), the exemption of senior citizens from VAT and the exemption of minimum wage earners from income tax. (See related story on Page B13.)

Revenue losses from these laws wiped out the gains from the implementation of the increase in the VAT rate from 10 to 12 percent in late 2005.

In the first four months of the year, the government incurred a budget deficit of P121.6 billion, up by nearly 18 percent from only P113.8 billion in the same period a year ago.

Petron seeks new partner

70-MW coal-fed facility in Bataan

Cautious ...

Growing beyond the elections

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Cielito F. Habito



Private investment

The real goal

Beyond the election



Neda backs new tax measures

From page B1

For the entire year, the government expects the budget gap to hit P293 billion, much bigger than the P[illegible] billion last year.

Arroyo said it was crucial for the government to contain the widening deficit once the election ends to boost the confidence of investors and thus help sustain the economy's faster-than-expected growth in the first quarter.

In the first three months of the year, the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, grew 7.3 percent, much faster than the 0.5 percent in the same period last year.

Arroyo said sustaining the new high growth rate was possible, but that the growing budget deficit had to be addressed.

The push by the finance department and Neda for the implementation of new tax measures is seen to contradict incoming President Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III that new tax measures [illegible] only to keep the economy healthy.

During the campaign, Aquino vowed that he would not impose new taxes when elected President.

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By Amy R. Remo

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By the staff

Eyes on the prize

Takes one to know one

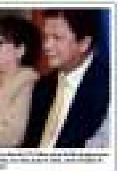
RP firm cuts ties with US partner

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For remembrance of the 100 days of our beloved

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OBITUARIES



Esther Noriel Bernardo



So Lovingly Remembered on her 28th Death Anniversary

CORAZON S. VIRAY

"Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
(Matthew 11:28)

Ongpin group to revive oil exploration, mining interests

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Stock index seen hitting 3,500 level

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OFW concerns

Profile of online clients

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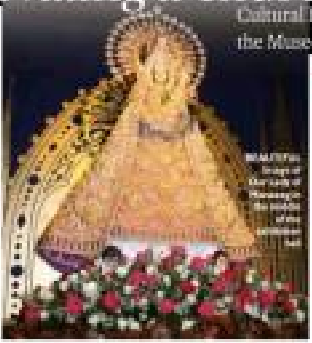
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LIFESTYLE Arts & Books

Renovating a church museum

Cultural heritage experts, artists and arts faculty from UST renovate the Museo de Nuestra Señora de Manaoag of Pangasinan

Text and photos by Isidro Abano, OP
Contributor



BEAUTIFUL image of Our Lady of Manaoag in the middle of the exhibition hall

"I THINK IT'S now about time that we offer Our Lady a better museum." These were the words of Fr. Stephen Redillas, OP, prior of the Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary in Manaoag, as he thanked and encouraged the group from the University of Santo Tomas that heeded his invitation to make a total renovation of the museum established in 2000.

The former museum needed a facelift to improve the old-fashioned presentation where the collection was displayed as objects of curiosity.

On one corner was this long glass cabinet where the recently donated, embroidered veils and capes were on display, lined up like a showcase of fancy costumes. Adjacent to it, there was another glass cabinet full of perfume bottles that looked like something straight out of a department store.

And, all the other display cabinets were filled with all sorts of things, such as liturgical vestments, vessels, images, books, which were practically boxed in the small measuring about 14 x 18 meters.

In 2000, it might be all right to start a museum collection that way. But the time have come to make sense out of it. Making sense was the challenge our group had to face.

Experts and professionals

Our group was composed of people from UST. We have connections with

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Renovating a church museum







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Visitor's delight

Evolution of devotion





Writers, artists discuss ways of improving values content of children's TV

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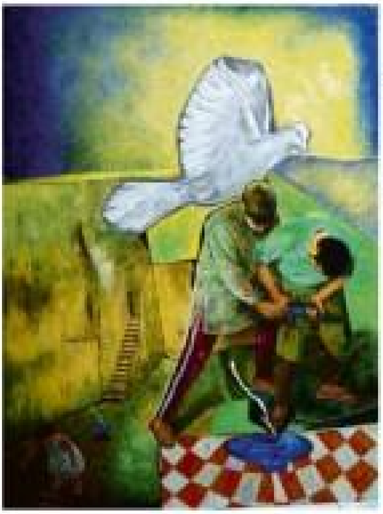
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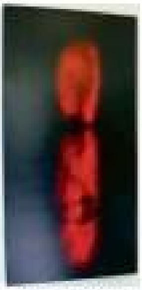
Heroism and cliché in 'Looking for Juan 2010'



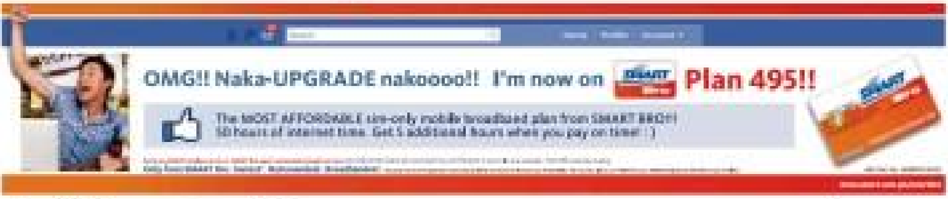








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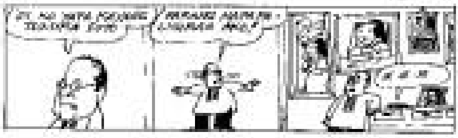




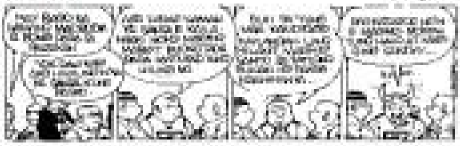
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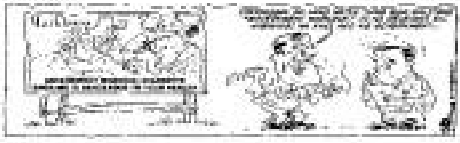
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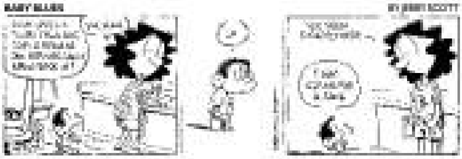


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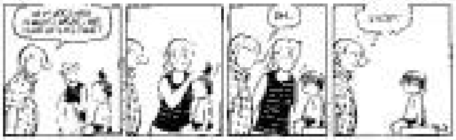




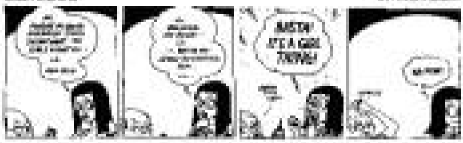
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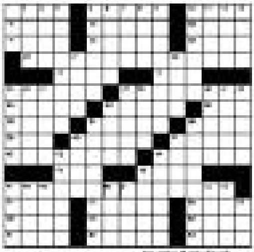


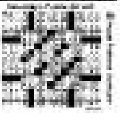
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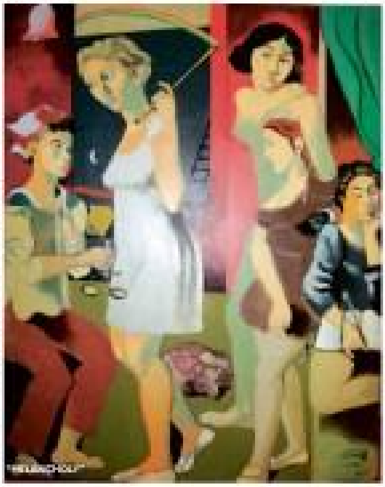








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Art show pays tribute to women environmentalists

Scared of the flu? Be protected. Be vaccinated.

Carlos Filart's Quiapo and Nazarene bacchanalia

Demosthenes Campos at Masterpiece Gallery







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The family that sings together

The toddler-daughters of Pablo Molina and Camille Lopez bring the house down with their refreshing take on classical opera singing

By Pablo A. Tariman
Contributor

THE MARRIAGE OF TENOR Pablo Molina and soprano Camille Lopez has produced two beautiful daughters: Sofia, 4, and [illegible], 6.

[illegible]

The family that sings together



THE LOPEZ-MOLINA family ensemble: Dr. Myrna Acosta Lopez, tenor Pablo Molina, soprano Camille Lopez-Molina and daughters Bella and Beatriz.

Good start

Difficulties

Audie Gemora—all set for 'Equus'

For the lead in Rep's forthcoming production, 'I want someone without too much theater training so he will not act so much'

By Walter Ang
Contributor

Sensitive topic

Actors' director

Context



AUDIE Gemora: "Part of the decision to restage it this year was because of the excitement the [Daniel] Radcliffe production had created. People are excited to see what the play is all about."

Peta presents three-week dance festival



Contest for bloggers—win free tickets to Peta's dancefest

Pre-event entry

Post-event review

Rony Diaz's whodunit war novel probes historical violence

National Artists José and Lumbera lead PEN writers in toasting the first novel of the fiction master



DANTE Ang II, Bienvenido Lumbera, Elmer Ordoñez, F. Sionil José and Rony Diaz

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Spirited works

Intriguing

Meticulous attention

Disquieting picture

New OMF bookshop opens on Tomas Morato, Quezon City

New piano teachers' guild officers inducted

The radiance of light in Cid Reyes' new abstracts



11 'mid-career' writers undergo UP workshop



ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Ernesto G. Valerde







INDIE filmmaker Jay Altarejos at work (left photo) in San Juan. [illegible] "I just want to make a decent movie."



Director wants kids to see his new film

By Marinel R. Cruz

INDEPENDENT FILMmaker Joselito "Jay" Altarejos, whose work "Pink Halo-Halo" is competing in this year's Cinemalaya Philippine Independent Film Festival, says his goal is to have the movie seen by as many schoolchildren as possible.

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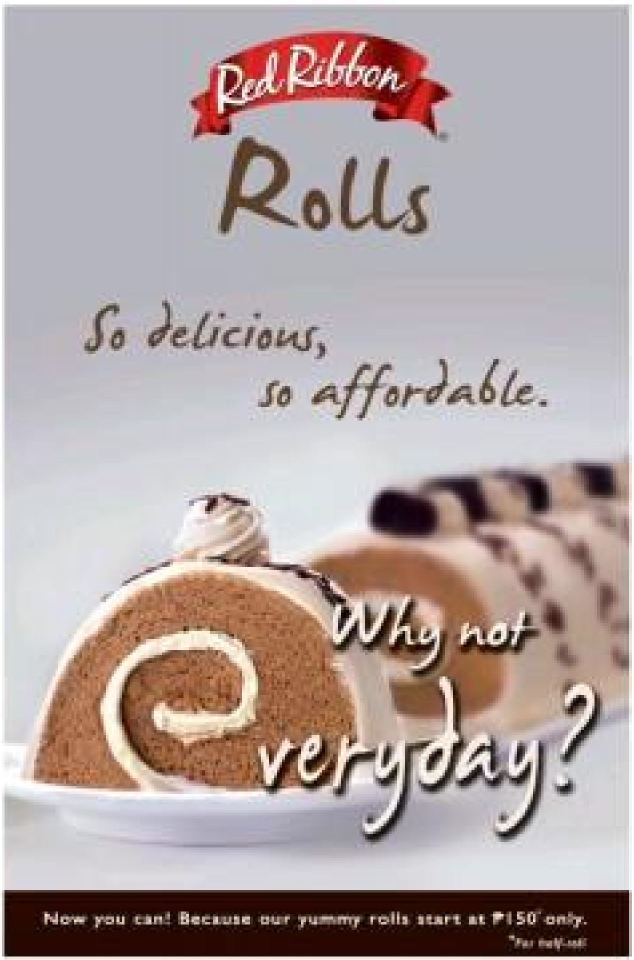


COCO Martin, and the cast and crew joined real campaign sorties.

'Noy,' the namesake

By Marinel R. Cruz

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JON Bon Jovi is top act on this chart.

US top 20 concert tours

[illegible]

1) (1) Bon Jovi; [illegible]

2) (New) George Strait/Reba/ Lee Ann Womack; [illegible]

3) (2) Jay-Z; [illegible]

[illegible]

Director wants kids . . .

[illegible]

One-week shoot

[illegible]





"IT WAS tough," Coco says of filming the movie, which took six months to make.

'Noy,' the namesake

[illegible]

KC's 'simple' hosting approach works

VIEWFINDER



Nestor U. Torre

"We don't know if she can keep it up, but she started off on the right foot"

Heart takes flight

... in new Kapuso soap, though she's really scared of flying in real life





Of camels and couture





Level up with meaty pizzas from Greenwich









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No meddler, this Ate Vi

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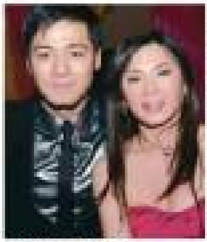


Dolly Anne Carvajal





ANGEL Locsin as Ate Vi: "Super bait sigurado siya, kahit split na kami ni Luis."



HAYDEN Kho and Vicki Belo

No meddler, this Ate Vi

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ion of the owner of Eagle Airways who is engaged to a spiteful, rich woman played by Katrina Halili.

I teased Mark that with his new look for the role, he kinda resembles a younger George Clooney whose recent movie, "Up In The Air," also centers on the fascinating world of the airline industry. He has to brush up on his English for the series.

"Practice makes perfect," he says, laughing. Is there any possibility that he would date the Heart? "I don't want to put a love angle to it. [illegible] English," he says, giggling. [illegible]

Or is it because he is already committed to Yam Asketa? [illegible]

When you walk on air because of too much love, you must watch your step, Marky Mark!

* * *

I contacted direk Andoy Ranay for the story behind the controversy he's embroiled in with Germán Moreno. This erupted after he humiliated Boys Center ward, Jake Vargas, during the taping of a drama series where Jake's acting didn't meet Andoy's expectations.

Andoy allegedly said that Jake should not engage in sexual activities before work so he wouldn't run out of energy.

"GMA management is handling the issue already," he said. "I'd rather be quiet about it for now. All will be well in due time." The TV director can't wait for the issue to be over so he can shoot. "It's a wrap!"

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Robin Padilla wowed the crowd at the "INTEGRT Denim Pilot" show during the Philippine Fashion Week. It showcased Jag's Legging Jeans and [illegible] Jeans.

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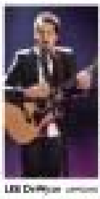
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My fab "diosah," Vicki Belo, was spotted in the live audience of the Hollywood reality show, "Dancing With the Stars." She was seated in the front row beside host [illegible] and her personal special someone, Hayden Kho Jr.

Although they deny being "lovebirds" again, the two are now on vacation in the United States.

E-mail [illegible]

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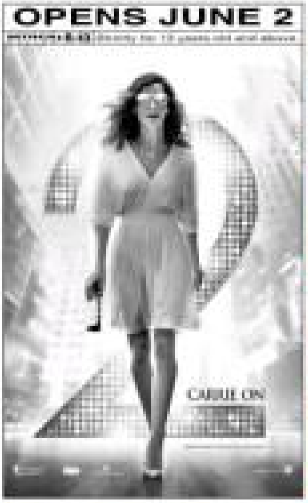


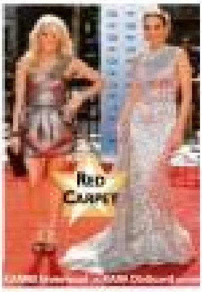
LEE DeWyze [illegible]

LEE DEWYZE, THE new "American Idol," to runner-up Crystal Bowersox as he accepted his title: "Crystal, I love you." Hmmm... Didn't Crystal say earlier that he was her "musical crush"?

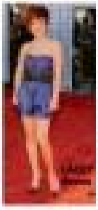


'American Idol' finale in LA, May 26











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LEARNING

10 things you may not know about giftedness



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Contributor

IN REVIEWING MORE THAN A dozen research studies from the United States, Germany, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore and Korea published recently in the "Gifted Child Quarterly," it occurred to me that, for starters, the information may be organized into 10 observations.

1 Experts do not agree on one definition of giftedness.

2 There are gender differences in how gifted students view themselves.

3 There are types A, B and C of giftedness, and four clusters.

4 Acceleration is not for every gifted student.

5 Gifted students encounter adjustment problems, including perfectionism.

6 Underachievement is common among the gifted.

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